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SUBJECT: GARRISON DIVERSION

FEBRUARY 19 OTTAWA CITIZEN CARRIED FOLLOWING EDITORIAL
ENTITLED "FIGHT THE FLOODING":

BEGIN TEXT:

"PRELIMINARY WORK ON THE GARRISON DAM PROJECT IN
NORTH DAKOTA, WHICH THREATENS TO POLLUTE THE SOURIS AND
RED RIVERS IN MANITOBA, IS NOW GOING AHEAD. IT SHOULD
CONTINUE TO BE FOUGHT.

"THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED WITH CANADIAN
COMPLAINTS THAT THE SCHEME VIOLATES THE BOUNDARY WATERS
TREATY OF 1909. BUT THE U.S. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS
DOING THE WORK, SAYS THE PRESENT STAGE WON'T AFFECT THE
MANITOBA RIVERS, AND THAT BEFORE WORK IS DONE ON THE NEXT
STAGE, CANADA WILL BE CONSULTED. OTTAWA HAS ACCEPTED THAT
POSITION.

"IT SHOULDN'T. A U.S. ENVIRONMENTALIST, BRENT BLACKWELL
OF THE WASHINGTON-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY CENTRE, SAYS THE
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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT NOW PLANS TO START EXPROPRIATING PROPERTY

FOR A RESERVOIR WHICH WOULD BE PART OF THE TOTAL SCHEME.
IT WOULD THEN PUSH AHEAD.

"BETTER TO LOCK THE BARN DOOR NOW." END TEXT.
JOHNSON

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